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TEHRAN FOR UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM

E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJECT: SOVIET VIEWS ON THE SUBCONTINENT AND BEYOND

DURING AN EXTENDED CONVERSATION WITH THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR  
ON JULY 6 HE MADE A NUMBER OF OBSERVATIONS THAT MAY BE WORTH  
NOTICE.

(1) HE HOPED OUR GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO SEE THE IMPOR-  
TANCE OF KEEPING SALT NEGOTIATIONS DE-LINKED FROM OTHER IS-  
SUES SUCH AS THE PROBLEMS IN AFRICA. IN THAT CONNECTION HE  
SAID THERE HAD BEEN A GREAT ARGUMENT IN MOSCOW ABOUT WHETHER  
SALT I NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE CARRIED ON WHILE WE WERE BOMB-  
ING HANOI, BUT FORTUNATELY THOSE IN FAVOR OF DE-LINKAGE PRE-  
VAILED OR THERE MIGHT NEVER HAVE BEEN A SALT I AGREEMENT.

(2) HE SAID HIS GOVERNMENT WAS VERY SATISFIED WITH A VERTICAL  
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INDIA TILTED NEITHER TOWARDS US OR TWARD THEM, WHICH HAD BEEN  
MY DESCRIPTION OF THE GOI'S POLICY OF "GENUINE NON-  
ALIGNMENT." HE ADDED THAT THE USSR'S MAJOR INTEREST WAS  
IN THE STABILITY OF THE AREA.

(3) IN RELATION TO THE SITUATION POSED BY THE NEW GOVERNMENT  
IN AFGHANISTAN, HE EXPRESSED CONCERN AT THE APPARENT NERVOUS-

NESS OF PAKISTAN AND IRAN, REITERATED RUSSIA'S INTEREST IN REGIONAL STABILITY, AND VERY POINTEDLY HOPED THAT WE WOULD NOT DISTURB IT BY INITIATING A PROGRAM OF ARMS SUPPLY FOR PAKISTAN.

(4) THAT LED ME TO RAISE INDIA'S INTEREST IN DPSA'S. VORONTSOV VOLUNTEERED QUITE EMPHATICALLY THAT THE USSR HAD NO INTEREST IN PROVIDING INDIA WITH DPSA'S, ONLY FIGHTERS. HE CHARACTERIZED THE MIG 23 AND MIG 25 AS "INTERCEPTORS," NOT "STRIKE" AIRCRAFT. AS COULD BE EXPECTED, HE THOUGHT THE USA SHOULD LEAN ON THE BRITISH AND FRENCH NOT TO SELL THEIR DPSA'S HERE.

(5) VORONTSOV IS AN AFFABLE, CHARMING, AND OBVIOUSLY VERY BRIGHT FELLOW. I THINK HIS ASSURANCES ABOUT A VERTICAL INDIA, A NON-ALIGNED AFGHANISTAN, AND THE DPSA'S WERE QUITE DELIBERATELY GILDING THE VARIOUS LILIES.  
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